

REMARKS

Applicant submits these remarks in response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2004 ("Office Action"). Applicant believes that no fee is due since this response is timely filed. However, in the event that Applicant is incorrect in their calculation, please charge any fee due in connection with this submission to Deposit Account No. 50-2212, Order Number 053403.027.2574.

Examiner states that claims 4-12, 22-30, and 40-48 are allowed over the prior art of record, and that claims 2, 3, 14, 16, 32, 34, 50, and 52 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have rewritten the above claims, as suggested by the Examiner.

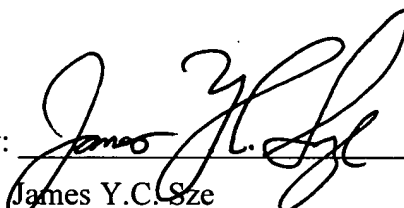
CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that all claims are now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (858) 509-4008.

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